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FOR AMBASSADOR LAISE AND EAGLEBURGER FROM GOMPERT/BORG

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRA A.)

SUBJECT: ACTION MEMO: SPEAKING TRIP TO HOUSTON
(S/S NO. 7503176)

REF: TOSEC 211

1. SECRETARY HAS STUDIED REFTTEL. HE WOULD LIKE
TO FOLLOW SAME FORMAT AS THE L.W. TRIP.

2. WE HAVE A PROBLEM ON SETTING A DATE HOWEVER.
MARCH 1. HAS TWO PROBLEMS: (A) BEING A SATURDAY, IT'S
RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SECRETARY'S LAST CHANCE TO
GET SOME REST BEFORE DEPARTING ON HIS TRIP; (B) MRS.
KISSINGER WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DO IT THEN. AND THE
SECRETARY WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO HAVE HER ACCOMPANY
HIM TO HOUSTON. MARCH 2 IS "CONCEIVABLE". HOWEVER, THE
SECRETARY IS QUITE CONCERNED THAT HE WOULD NOT GET A VERY
GOOD TURNOUT FROM THE PRESS ON A SUNDAY. HE IS WILLING
TO BE CONVINCED THAT HE IS WRONG ABOUT THIS, BUT YOU WILL
HAVE TO DO SO BEFORE HE WILL AGREE TO SPEAK ON MARCH 2;
(C) MARCH 3 IS HIS PREFERRED DATE, BASED ON WHAT HE
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KNOWS SO FAR. HOWEVER, HE IS COMMITTED TO HOST A DINNER

FOR THE U.S.-IRANIAN JOINT COMMISSION THAT NIGHT.
SECRETARY WOULD LIKE LARRY AND NEA TO LET HIM KNOW
IF THERE ARE ANY GREAT PROBLEMS IN SHIFTING THE DINNER
TO THE 4TH (ROY ATHERTON CAN SEE NO PROBLEM FROM THIS
END, OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT THE VISIT OFFICIALLY ENDS
ON THE 4TH). THE PRINCIPAL CONSIDERATION HERE,
OF COURSE, IS WHETHER OR NOT ANSARY PLANS TO STAY IN
WASHINGTON THROUGH THE NIGHT OF THE 4TH; (D) MARCH
4 IS TOO CLOSE TO SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE FOR HIS TRIP.
HAVING TO RETURN FROM HOUSTON AND ALMOST IMMEDIATELY
GET UNDER WAY FOR EUROPE WOULD BE TOO TIRING, ESPECIALLY
AT THE OUTSET OF A TRIP.

3. THE SECRETARY SAYS IF WE CANNOT COME UP WITH AN
ACCEPTABLE DATE IN THIS TIME FRAME, HIS SPEECH WILL
HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL HE RETURNS FROM THE MARCH TRIP.

4. THE SECRETARY STRESSED THAT HE WANTS TO RECEIVE
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE PROBLEMS
RAISED IN PARAGRAPH 2 AND A CONCRETE RECOMMENDATION AS
TO WHAT HE SHOULD DO. KISSINGER

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